

Amendments to the Specification:

Before paragraph [0001] add the following new sub-headings and paragraph:

-- PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/CH2004/000185, filed on 26 March 2004. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) and 35 U.S.C. §365(b) is claimed from Application No. 631/03, filed 8 April, 2003, in Switzerland.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. **Field of the Invention** --

Amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The invention pertains to a device ~~of the type indicated in the introductory clause of Claim 1~~ for introducing solid pharmaceutical products into blister packs.

Before paragraph [0002] add the following new sub-heading:

-- 2. **Description of the Related Art** --

Amend paragraph [0003] as follows:

[0003] A device ~~of the~~ this type ~~indicated in the introductory clause of Claim 1~~ is known from DE 100 26 496 A1. From a supply container, in which the products are present as bulk material in completely random order, the products are gravity-fed to the individual wells of the blister pack by means of an isolating block.

Before paragraph [0006] add the following new sub-heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Delete paragraph [0012].

Before paragraph [0013] add the following new sub-heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Before paragraph [0027] add the following new sub-heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Amend paragraph [0034] as follows:

[0034] Figure 5 shows a side view of a roll 11. The example shows a roll 11a. At one end, as already indicated in Figure 3, it has an annular groove ~~24~~ 23, in which the belt 22 (Figures 3 and 4) engages. According to the invention, the roll 11a has noncylindrical sections. The design of the noncylindrical sections is closely related to the shape of the pharmaceutical product to be packaged.

Amend paragraph [0035] as follows:

[0035] A first exemplary embodiment, which will be used when the products to be packaged are tablets T, is explained in greater detail below (~~Figure 4~~). In this case, it is advantageous for the rolls 11a to have a periodic sequence of three special sections, in which a first cylindrical section 30 with a certain larger diameter D_1 is followed by a noncylindrical section 31, which is followed in turn by a second cylindrical section 32 with a certain smaller diameter D_2 . The noncylindrical section 31 has the shape of a truncated cone. The sequence of sections 30, 31, 32 repeats several times over the length of the roll 11a. The truncated cone-shaped section 31 has the larger diameter D_1 on the end facing the first cylindrical section 30 and the smaller diameter D_2 at the end facing the second cylindrical section 32.

Amend paragraph [0044] as follows:

[0044] Figure 7a shows the least favorable case in which a tablet T is positioned transversely to the gap 35 and to the axes of the rolls 11a, 11b. For the sake of clarity, only a

single tablet T is shown, so that the action of the rotating rolls 11a, 11b can be explained more clearly. When we consider the position of the tablet T, we see that it rests on the rolls 11a, 11b at a minimum of two points. At the contact points, the roll 11b on the left of the tablet T has a ~~larger~~ smaller diameter than the roll 11a on the right of the tablet T. The rolls 11a and 11b rotate in different directions, as can be seen in Figure 6. It has been found that, as a result of this rotation of the rolls 11a, 11b, a force is exerted on the tablet T which causes the tablet T to rotate.

Amend paragraph [0051] as follows:

[0051] Figure 10 shows a cross-sectional side view of the isolating block 7 according to Figure 9. Upper blocking slides 40 and lower blocking slides 42 are shown, which are assigned to each of the isolating channels 8. The upper blocking slides 40 are shown in their retracted position. In this position, a tablet T (~~Figures 7a-7d~~) (Figures 7a-7c) entering one of the isolating channels 8 through the entrance opening 41 can fall through to the lower blocking slide 42. The lower blocking slides 42 are located here in the extended position, which makes it impossible for the tablets T to go any farther.

Amend paragraph [0057] as follows:

[0057] A first exemplary embodiment suitable for the filling of blister packs 3 with tablets T has been presented above. Solid pharmaceutical products can also have different shapes and very different dimensions. In addition, the products do not have to be tablets ~~Z~~ T pressed from powder. Sugar-coated pills, two-part capsules, and soft gelatin capsules, for example, are also known.

Delete the heading "Claims" at page 16, and add the following:

-- What is claimed is: --